

CALFED OPERATIONS MEETING NOTES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

SWRCB Update (R. Satkowski)

Phase I – SWRCB will re-circulate the Substitute Environmental Document (SED) for Phase I to the public and re-receive public comments.

Phase II – The November workshops on Delta Outflow have been cancelled and will be re-scheduled to mid-January. DSP staff and other stakeholders have concerns over the current Scope of Charge to the expert panel and are working to re-formulate it so the effects of other stressors can be considered in the context of Delta Outflow.

Term 91 has been extended by the Delta Watermaster until mid-November as a result of the continuing dry conditions in the Central Valley watershed.

Fisheries Update

Chinook Salmon, Steelhead and Green Sturgeon (B. Byrne) – Winter-run adult spawning is over; some WR juveniles have been detected in the Sacramento River at the GCID, Tisdale and Knight's Landing sites; none have showed up in the Delta or export salvage facilities so far. The WR carcass count for 2013 so far is 3220, the highest since 2006. There are 2 actions in the Bi Op related to DCC closure in November and December; neither has been activated yet.

Spring-Run – Strong counts have been reported in Butte Creek, that is normally a good sign.

Delta smelt (E. Gleason) – NTR, no activity.

Longfin smelt (C. Dibble) - NTR

Workgroup Updates

DOSS – Started meeting yesterday after a summer hiatus. There as no formal advice to NMFS from DOSS. Fish monitoring data was reviewed; due to the federal shutdown, some data was collected but has not yet been posted. As an update to the 2013 Fish Rescue effort on the Sacramento River, a weir and drain has been installed some 14 mile upstream of Knights Landing to prevent a future recurrence of the event.

There are potential export curtailments in the Bi Op in November and December based on loss density triggers being hit at the export salvage facilities. The triggers have not yet been hit in the new water year.

SOG – The October meeting was cancelled due to the federal shutdown. NMFS approved the SOG-recommended October pulse flow – which was re-shaped for two peaks. The fall temperature criteria was initiated coincident with the pulse flow on the Stanislaus River.

Water Project Operations

CVP – Keswick @ 6250 cfs; Nimbus @ 1300 cfs; Goodwin @ 2000 cfs; Jones PP @ 1600 (2 units); San Luis (Fed share) @ 248 TAF; DCC in Closed position

SWP – Oroville @ 1750 cfs; Clifton Court @ 800 cfs; San Luis (State share) @ 209 TAF.